**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 1039**

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| Short Title: | Folkmoot USA Funds. | (Public) |
| Sponsors: | Senator Queen. | |
| Referred to: | Appropriations/Base Budget. | |

March 21, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT FOLKMOOT USA'S COMMUNITY INTERNATIONAL ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Whereas, Folkmoot USA, North Carolina's official International Festival, is a two-week celebration of the world's cultural heritage through folk music and dance; and

Whereas, Folkmoot USA is held each summer across the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. Folkmoot features performances, parades and workshops by more than 350 performers from a dozen or so countries; and

Whereas, during its 23-year history, over 200 folk groups from more than 100 countries have shared their heritage and culture at Folkmoot USA; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Folkmoot USA, a nonprofit organization, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in recurring funds to support Folkmoot USA's community international arts and cultural education programs, which serves Western North Carolina.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.